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FASHION FINTASY

Barbie makes a splash
in a wet and wild fish
story!

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**DO YOU WANT
TO DANCE?**
Sometimes people can
grow on you!

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A new puppy brightens
the day!

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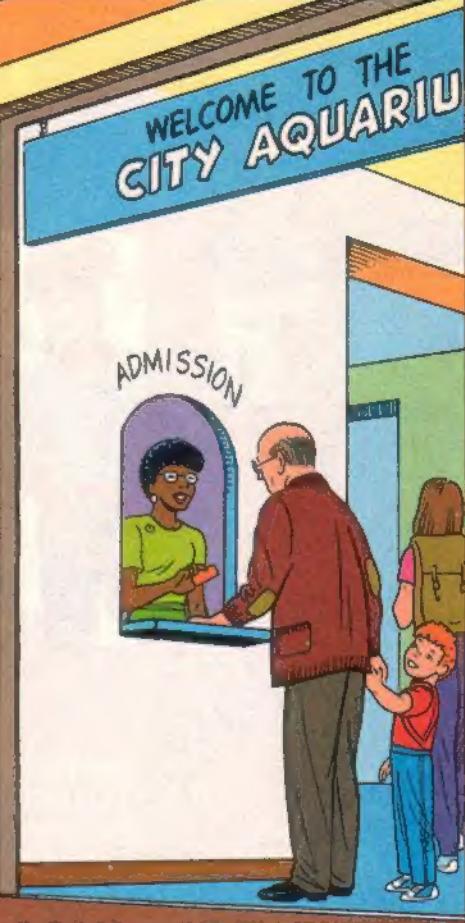
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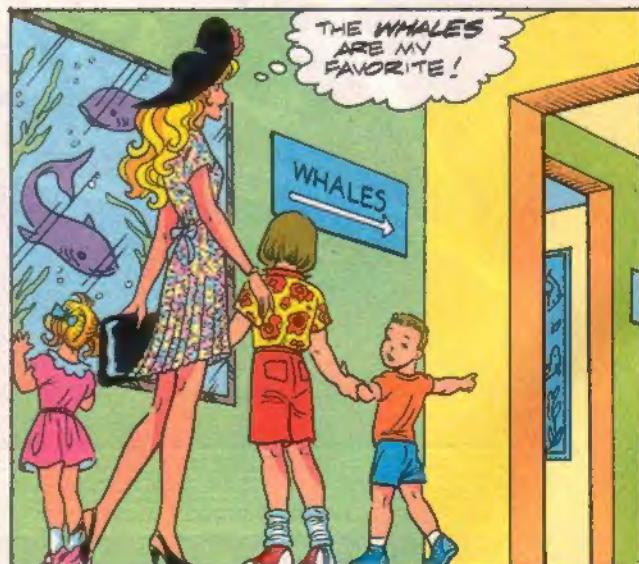
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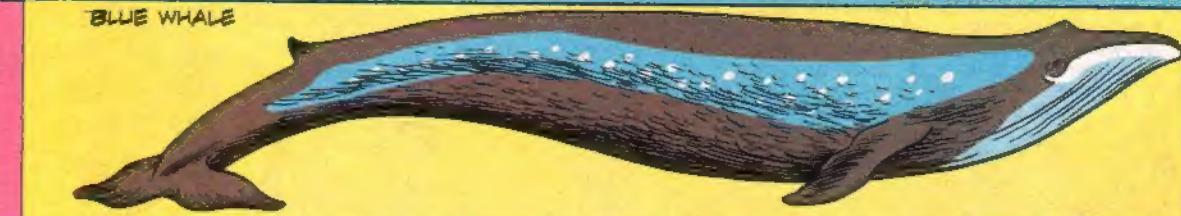
Barbie^{*} in Fashion Fantasy!!

I REALLY LOVE THE AQUARIUM! THERE'S SUCH AN EXCITING WORLD GOING ON UNDERWATER!

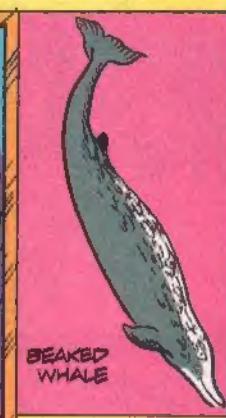
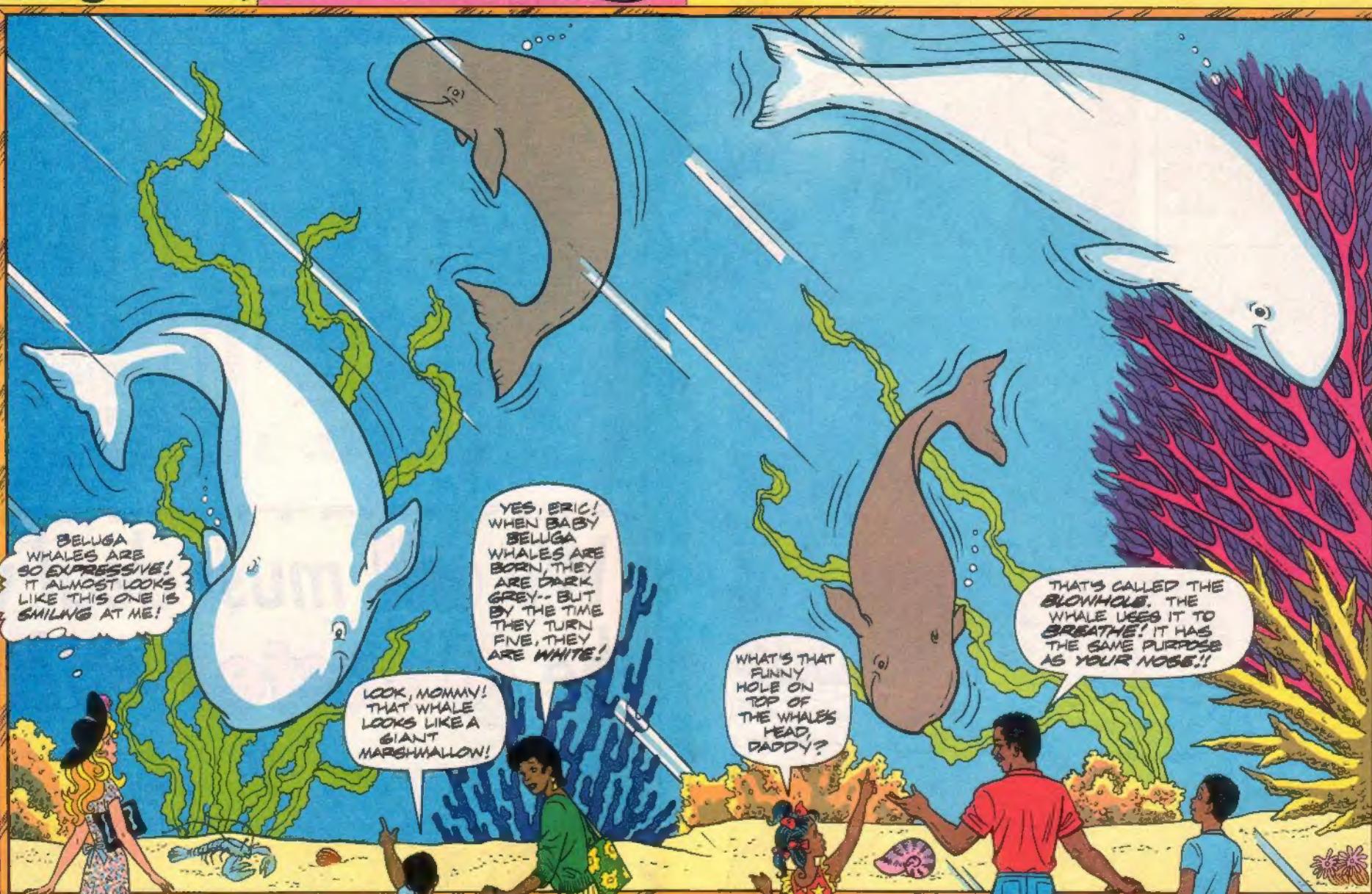


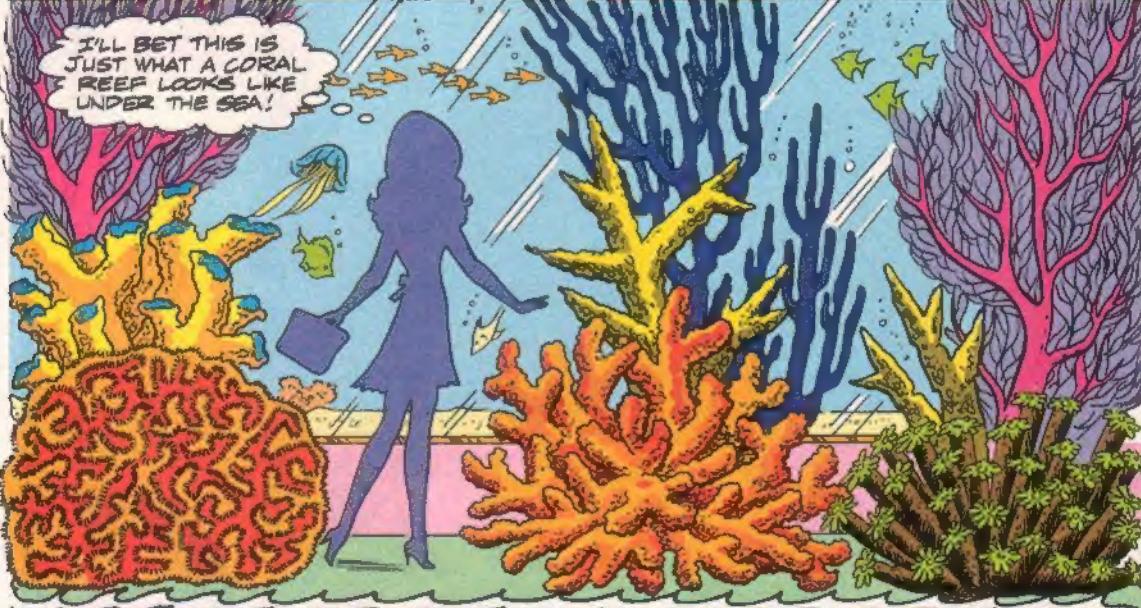
KEN WILL BE MEETING ME HERE SOON. I'M ALWAYS EARLY WHEN I VISIT THE AQUARIUM...THERE'S SO MUCH TO SEE!





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in Hook



Hudson Hawk
escapes across the rooftop



Inbound toss
in Soccer Mania



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AND I'M A
GROUper!



I'M A
STRIPED
BUTTERFLY
FISH!



AND I'M A
TRUNKFISH!



IT'S VERY NICE TO MEET
ALL OF YOU -- BUT WHAT
AM I DOING HERE??



YOU ARE THE
HONORED
GUEST AT THE
"FASHION
FINTASY"
BALL!

OH, YES! EVERY
FISH WHO IS ANY
FISH WILL BE
THERE--

--WEARING
THEIR MOST
SMASHING
FISH
FASHIONS!

THANK YOU!
THIS IS A
WONDERFUL
HONOR BUT...

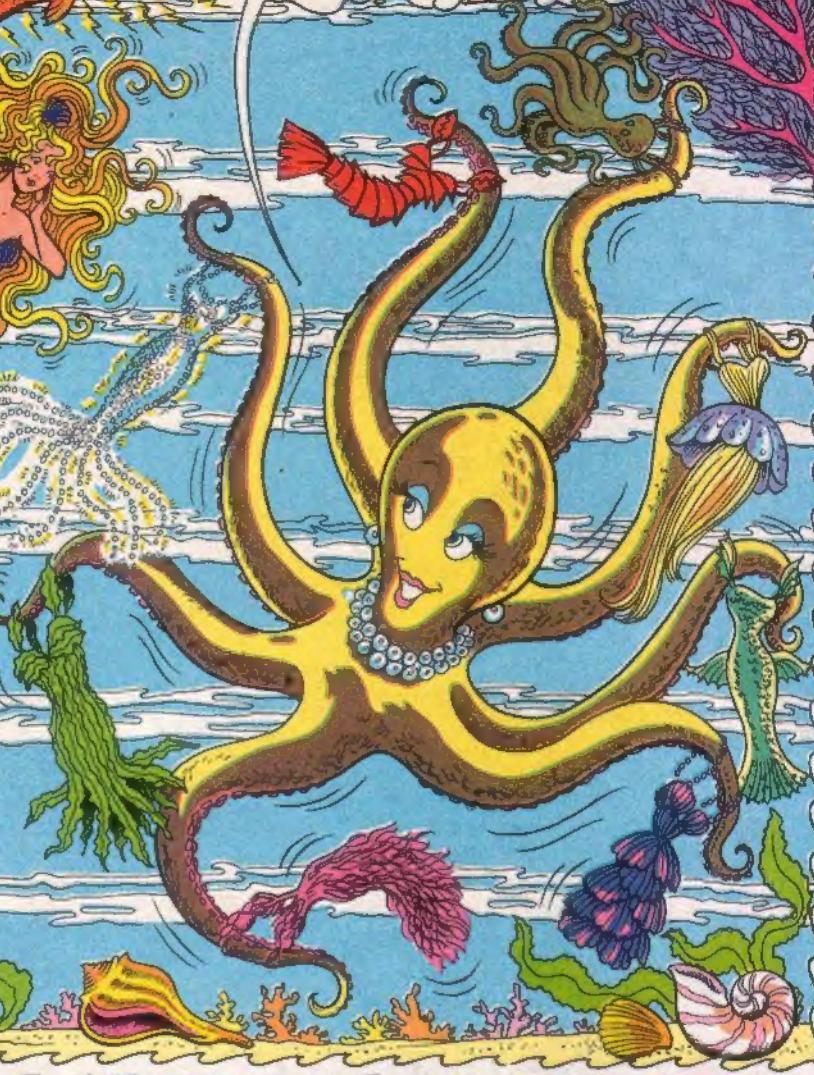
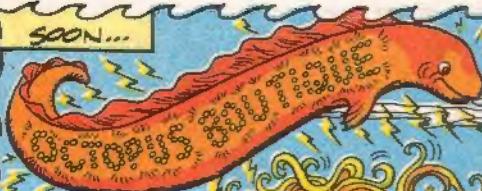
...I DIDN'T
BRING ANY.
THING TO
WEAR!!

NO PROBLEM!
FOLLOW ME
TO THE
OCTOPUS
BOUTIQUE!



SOON...

WHAT ABOUT THIS DRESS?--
OR THIS ONE, OR THIS ONE
OR THIS ONE OR--



I'LL TRY ONE! AHHH YES! A
THIS ONE! NORMA CALAMARI,
MY FAVORITE DESIGNER! DO
TRY IT ON!

THANK YOU! I'LL BE
OUT IN A SECOND.



"WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK?"

AHHH, YES!
PERFECT!
I'M SO GLAD
I CHOSE
IT!"

HURRY, BARBIE!
WE DON'T WANT
TO BE LATE FOR
THE BALL!

I'M COMING!

YOU MUST
WEAR THIS CORAL
NECKLACE! IT'S
PERFECT
ON YOU!

HAVE A GREAT TIME
AT THE BALL, BARBIE!

I WILL AND
THANK YOU
FOR ALL YOUR
HELP!

HMM... MAYBE SHE
SHOULD HAVE WORN
THIS ONE, OR THIS
ONE, OR THIS ONE OR...

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TO THE RAMPANT ROBOTS

LEAD THE SAW TOOTH VENOM
TO BE KINSTERIZED

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FUN HOUSE

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KRUSTY
FUN HOUSE

IT'S CHAOS IN KRUSTYLAND
RATS HAVE INFESTED
THE FUN HOUSE!

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SEASIDE FANTASY BASH

ISN'T THIS A SPLENDID PARTY?

ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC!

WHALE, WHALE,
WHALE. FANCY
MEETING YOU
HERE.

HOW'S SCHOOL?

I AIN'T
NOTHIN'
BUT A
HOUNDFISH...
ROCKIN'
ALL THE
TIME.

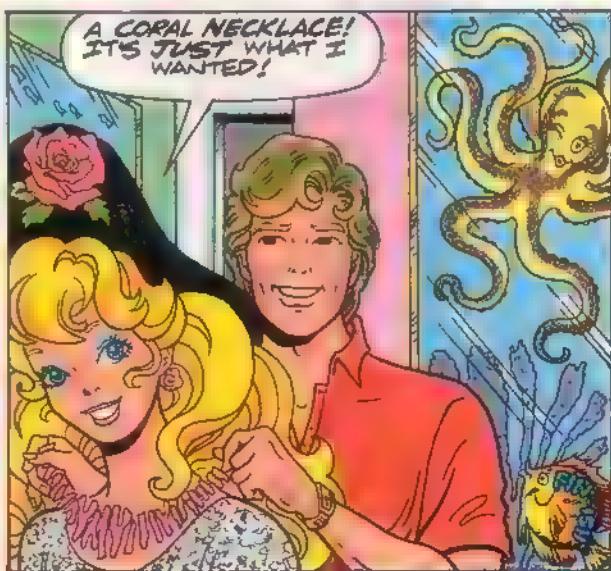
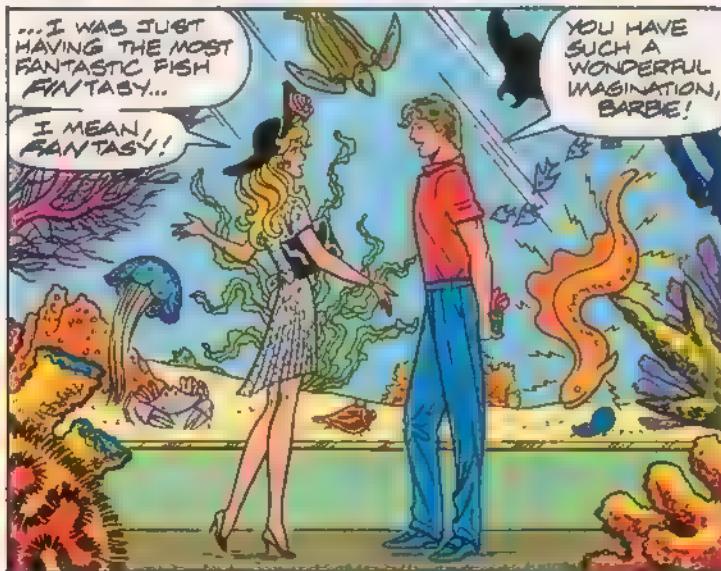
VERY WHALE,
THANK YOU.

THIS IS A
WONDERFUL
PARTY!

I'M SO GLAD
YOU'RE
HAVING A GOOD
TIME, BARBIE.

LET'S GO HOME.

OH, DON'T
BE SUCH
A CRAB,
DEAR.



Skipped IN DO YOU WANT TO DANCE?

DO YOU LIKE THIS DRESS FOR THE "END OF SUMMER" DANCE TONIGHT?...OR DO YOU LIKE THIS ONE?

HMM... BOTH DRESSES ARE PRETTY, SKIPPER, BUT I THINK THE BUTTERFLY DRESS IS MORE YOU.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, COURTNEY!



I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE
EVERYONE THAT I'VE
MISSED ALL SUMMER!
NEITHER
CAN I!



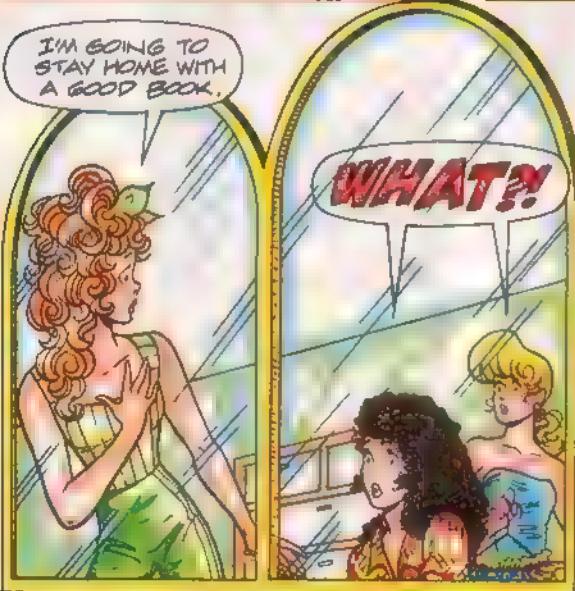
WHAT ARE YOU
WEARING TONIGHT,
HEATHER?

MY
PAJAMAS.



I'M GOING TO
STAY HOME WITH
A GOOD BOOK.

WHAT?



WHY AREN'T YOU
GOING TO THE
DANCE, HEATHER?

BECAUSE
I'M
TOO
TALL.



EVERYBODY LOOKS AT ME
WHEN I DANCE BECAUSE
I'M TALLER THAN ALL THE
BOYS.



I ALMOST DIED LAST
YEAR WHEN LITTLE SAM
MCLEARLY ASKED ME TO
DANCE! I WAS AT LEAST
A HEAD TALLER THAN
HIM.





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the place with
the games
everyone wants
is Sears.
Go figure.

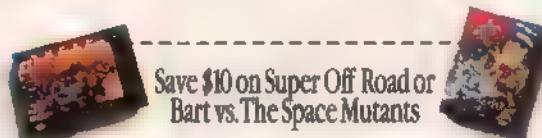

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FUNTRONICS

YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK, HEATHER.

THAT'S RIGHT! EVERYBODY HAS THINGS THAT THEY DON'T LIKE ABOUT THEMSELVES.

COME ON, HEATHER!

YOU HAVE TO GO!!



BULLETPEN BULLETINS

MARVEL
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STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes!

It's time to correct a mistaken notion! We often get letters from loyal Marvelites gloating over the fact that some of our books may be outselling the competition, and wishing us well in our mission to conquer the comicbook world by defeating our rivals!

And therein lies the mistake! The last thing we want to do is conquer anything or defeat anyone. Sure, we have competitors, but just between us, most of them are friends of ours. I'm sure you've noticed that many artists and writers may work for a while at Marvel and then you see their strips appearing in other publisher's magazines. And, of course you've noticed the same in reverse. You'll see names listed on our credits

pages that used to be associated with other companies. It's normal. It's natural. It's the way the comicbook field works.

Working as an artist or writer in comics is not indentured slavery. These gifted guys and gals are free to work wherever and for whomever they wish. Naturally, we'd like 'em all to favor our own blushing' bullpen, and the way we try to accomplish that is by holding out a permanent welcome mat for the best and most exciting stories, characters and concepts that the greatest talents in comics can bring us!

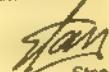
The point is, Marvel's only job is to provide the wildest, wittiest and most wondrous tales of fantasy and adventure that we can create. And, let's face it, that's what the other guys are trying to do, too. The more we compete and try

to out-shine each other, the more you, the reader, benefit.

That's why we truly wish our competitors the best of luck. The better they get, the better we have to be. That's what competition is all about; that's what keeps each of us on our toes. We're all, them and us, a bunch of foolhardy fanatics who love comics as much as you do and we're out there proving it with every page we create!

So here's to every hard-working hero at every comicbook company throughout the land! Let's never stop trying to top each other; we owe it to the most important gang of all — our readers!

Excelsior!



Stan Lee

"Dog bites man — that's not a story. Man bites dog — that's a story. And if the dog and the man slug it out for six issues, and then Wolverine shows up for a guest appearance, and the dog turns out to be a mutant, that's a *Marvel* story!"

— *Marvel Editorial Handbook*

As we enter the dog days of summer, we come to wonder why dogs get such a bad rap. After all, a dog's day consists of nothing but eating and sleeping, and that sounds pretty good to us. Actually it's not that different from the way editor in chief Tom DeFalco spends his day, come to think of it. But why does it have to be "dog days"?

It could just as easily be "cat," or "monkey," or "squirm" days. After all, the life of every animal is basically the same, unless that animal is one of those pampered poodles living in one of those high-rise apartments on the upper east side with some rich society type. We've been having our share of dog-day afternoons here at Marvel, as the entire editorial offices of Marvel are moving temporarily from the ninth and tenth floors down to the fourth floor of good ol' 387 Park Avenue South. We've got our ace construction crew hard at work, knocking down more walls than during a Thing/Hulk clash. (Wasn't that one of our books in the seventies — *Ace Builder and His Construction Crew?* Came out around the same time as *Devil Dinosaur*.)

When they're done, the Marvel offices will look neat, clean, and professional. If only we could say the same for the editors! Now that Marvel is a publicly owned company, we felt it was time for a change. We were hoping to get the Bullpen to look as much like the deck of the Starship Enterprise as possible, but that plan didn't work out! So we decided to settle for the look of a typical dentist's office instead. Our feeling is that the neater and more professional our offices look, the better our comics will be! To that end, we've also instituted a new dress code, requiring all Marvel staffers to keep their footwear on for the length of the entire workday! Gotta keep them doggies covered!

The Marvel softball team, the Punishers, certainly has not gone to the dogs. The team started off the season more powerfully than a locomotive, winning the first DC/Marvel game 22-8. Rob Tolkar's pinch assistant editor Joe Andriano played like a

man of steel, until an injury took him out of the game. Mike Rockwitz was able to round four bases in a single bound, scoring five RBI's, and Assistant Editor Mark Powers was faster than a speeding (DC) Bullet. Considering the outcome of the game, maybe the Marvel team should change its name to Kryptonite! (Funny, we would've thought the DC team would have been better with bats ...) Two more DC/Marvel softball crossovers remain to be played.

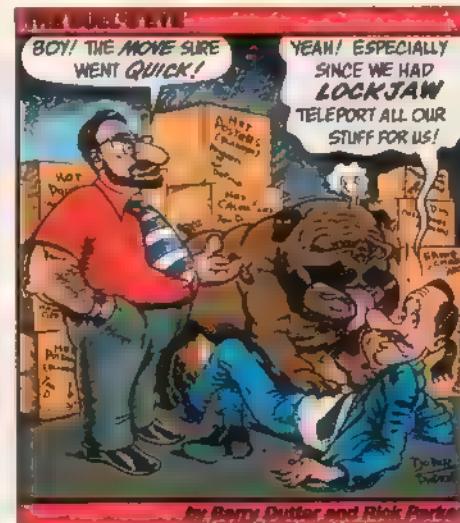
But softball isn't the only sport of choice here at Marvel. Four Marveloids recently escaped from the doghouse to go backstage at a pro wrestling match held by the World Championship Wrestling League! In attendance were the entire creative team of our WCW wrestling comic — writer Mike Lackey, penciler Ron Wilson, and inker Don Hudson — as well as Bullpenner Dave Sharpe. The event took place at Madison Square Garden, where the Marvel Manglers got to meet such wrestling superstars as Sting, Cactus Jack, and Johnny B. Bad! (Where do they get those outrageous names?)

Writer Mike did not have his dream come true of being hit over the head with a steel chair by the WCW champ, but, as he puts it, "I did get strangled by Paul E. Dangerously!" This incident doesn't seem to have had any effect on Mike's writing, unfortunately! Mike and Don went on from there to

appear on Joe Argondezzi's Manhattan radio show, "Pro Wrestling Spotlight" on station WEVD. Our wrestling crew certainly deserves the championship belt of promotion! They might not have the best-selling comic but when it comes to promotion, they're all winners!

Well, we've reached the end of another Bullpen Bulletins page, and we're dog-tired. It's time to put aside this dog-eared comic book, and lay another Bullpen page to rest. It's been a hard day's night, and we've been working like ... cats? Nah, we don't like it either.

Guess we're just barking up the wrong tree.



By Berni Wrightson and Bob Peak

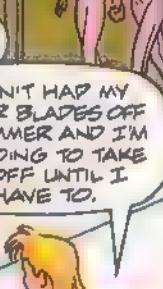
SOUP CALORIES POURING THE BLOOD OF LITERARY ALLEGORIES STOCK FORTUNE SHREWDLY SPINNING THE MUSCLE OF MARVELS LEGALITY FORGOTTEN COMMENTS THE HUMBLE HANDED LEONUTATION PUNCH LINES THE CUTTING EDGE BEAUTY CHECK CLASSIC DIVISION LOVE SERVING INTERACTING MUSCLE PARTICLES ETC. DOPPELGANGERS PREACHING TO THE CONVERTED PLANS

SUMMER'S OVER!

EXIT

HOW WAS YOUR SUMMER, MARJORIE?

IT WAS GREAT! I WAS A COUNSELOR AT A SUMMER CAMP.



JUST TRY TO HAVE A GOOD TIME, HEATHER.

I'M TRYING.

DON'T WORRY, HEATHER. I DON'T SEE SAM McCLEARY ANYWHERE.

I LOVE THIS BEAT.

ME, TOO! YOU'RE A GOOD DANCER.

THANKS. SO ARE YOU.

I'M SO GLAD YOU WERE ABLE TO HELP CHAPERONE THIS DANCE, BARBIE.

ME, TOO, MRS. MYERS. I'M GLAD YOU THOUGHT OF ME.

I NEVER FORGET MY BEST STUDENTS, BARBIE.



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I ALWAYS LIKED YOU, HEATHER. WHEN I WAS "LITTLE" SAM MCLEARY, YOU DANCED WITH ME EVEN THOUGH WE DID LOOK KIND OF ODD TOGETHER.

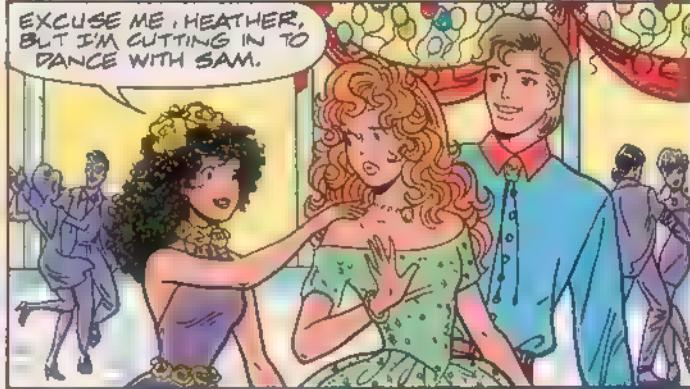
OF COURSE I DANCED WITH YOU, SAM! IT'S SILLY TO WORRY ABOUT HOW THINGS LOOK.



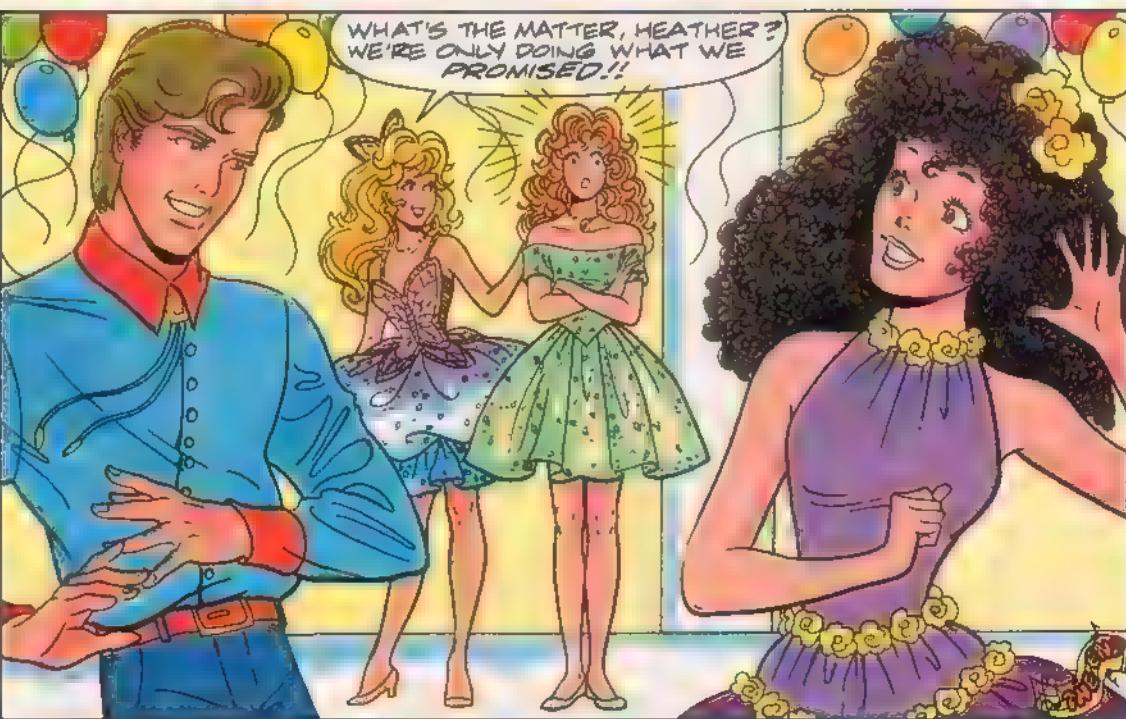
WHEW! I'M SURE GLAD I DANCED WITH HIM THEN! NOW HE'S A REAL DREAM!



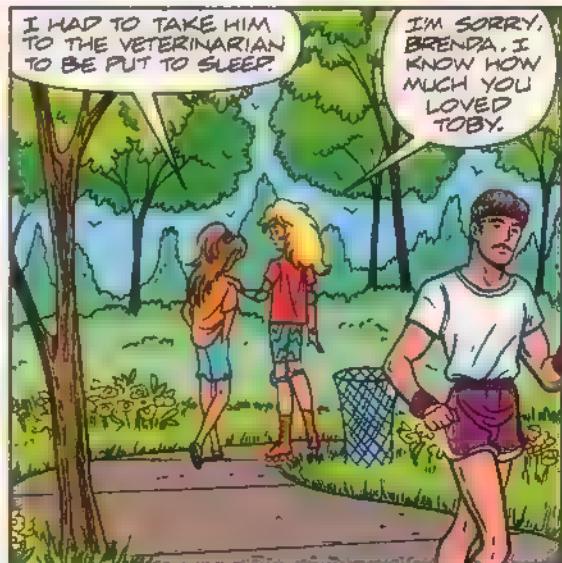
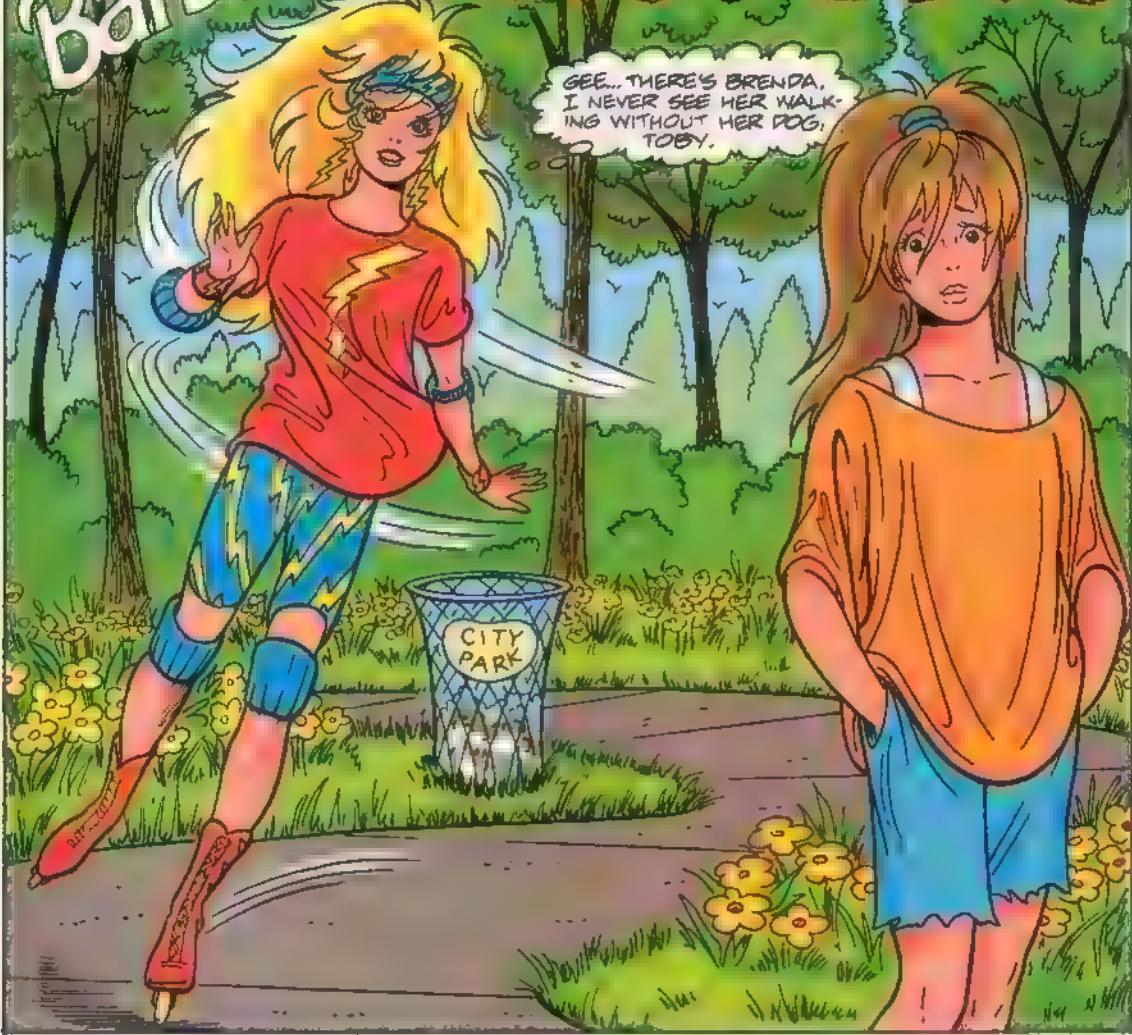
EXCUSE ME, HEATHER, BUT I'M CUTTING IN TO DANCE WITH SAM.



WHAT'S THE MATTER, HEATHER? WE'RE ONLY DOING WHAT WE PROMISED!!



Barbie in CHOCO LOVE



MAYBE ANOTHER DOG WOULD MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER, BRENDA.

NO DOG COULD REPLACE MY TOBY.
:SNIFFLE:

I UNDERSTAND BRENDA. BUT THERE ARE MANY ANIMALS THAT NEED HOMES WITH LOVING AND CARING PEOPLE LIKE YOU.

AND ALTHOUGH NO DOG WILL EVER BE LIKE TOBY, YOU CAN STILL LOVE ANOTHER ANIMAL.

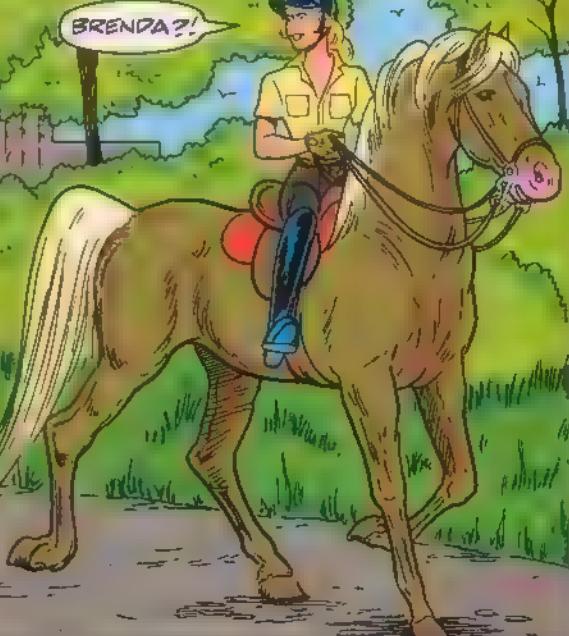
:SNIFFLE:
I HAVE TO GO.
BARBIE...

SEE... I FEEL SO SORRY FOR BRENDA.

THE NEXT WEEK...

BARBIE! BARBIE!!
WAIT FOR ME!

BRENDA?!



I WANT YOU TO
MEET MY PUPPY,
GEORGETTE!

OH, BRENDA, SHE'S
ADORABLE! WHAT
MADE YOU CHANGE
YOUR MIND?

WELL, BARBIE, I THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT
YOU SAID. WHEN MY NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR'S
DOG HAD PUPPIES, GEORGETTE NEEDED A
LOVING HOME.

WHEN SHE LOOKED UP
AT ME WITH HER BIG
BROWN EYES, HOW
COULD I RESIST?

I'M SO HAPPY
FOR YOU, BRENDA!
AND I'M HAPPY
FOR GEORGETTE
TOO!

I KNOW YOU TWO
WILL HAVE A
WONDERFUL
LIFE TOGETHER!

THANKS,
BARBIE!

RUFF
RUFF...

BACK TO SCHOOL WITH

Skipper™

It's that time of year! Time to say goodbye to the long, hot summer and enjoy the cooler days and brightly colored leaves of fall!

Fall also brings, for many BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION readers, the exciting start of a new school year! Skipper returns to school, also — and you, our readers, are making sure that she looks great!

Here Skipper is featured in just a few of the many fantastic designs we receive each month! If you have a fashion for Barbie or any of her friends, send it to us at BARBIE FASHION, c/o Marvel Comics, 387 Park Avenue South, New York, NY, 10016. Please be sure to include your name, age, and address!

Yannick Chardot, age 10
Philadelphia, PA



Kelly Brennen, age 5
Levittown, PA



HIVY JOCOHRDOPP



Casey Winebarger, age 8
Granite Falls, NC



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Escott, Ontario, Canada



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Write to: BARBIE FASHION, 387 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016
Hey, kids — since we print your name, age, city and state, please include them on your letters.

Dear BARBIE,

I have so many Barbies and I enjoy them. My name is Megan, I'm 11 years old, and I go to Divine Providence School. My older sister Jenni likes to play with Barbies once in a while, too! Everybody I know loves Barbie, and will never give them up. Keep making fun and exciting Barbies to play with!

Megan Smith, age 11
King of Prussia, PA

People of all ages enjoy Barbie, Megan! The next letter is from a 20 year old Barbie fan!

Dear BARBIE FASHION,

My name is Barbara. I'm a 20 year old Italian girl. I'm a big fan of Barbie, and I'm writing to tell you how much I enjoy your comic.

In Italy, Barbie is very famous. I bought a video tape about Barbie as a rock star.

Barbara Bonetti, age 20
Milano, Italy

BARBIE gets mail from all over the world! Thanks for writing from Italy, Barbara!

Dear BARBIE,

How are you doing? My name is Patricia and I am 11 years old. I love reading your comics because of the great fashions in them. I want to be a fashion designer when I grow up. I also like "Craft Shop" because of the super things you can make.

Patricia Mortensen, age 11
Singapore

Wow, Singapore! If any of our readers don't know where Singapore is, ask a parent or other adult for help and try to locate it on a globe of the world or in an atlas. Thanks for writing, Patricia!

Dear BARBIE,

My name is Erica. I have one sister and no brothers. My mom's name is Maribelle and my dad's name is Eric. I came from California and right now, I'm in Venezuela. I'm 8 years old.

I think your books are great. I love playing Barbies. Barbie...you're great! I want to subscribe to your comic. What do I do?

Erica Garnier, age 8
AMEMB Air Force Section
Venezuela

We hope you're enjoying Venezuela, Erica! BARBIE fans sure do get around! Subscribing is easy! Just fill out the form in the back of this issue! Be sure to check with a parent or adult before sending it in!

Dear BARBIE FASHION,

I have a lot of Barbie stuff. In fact, I love Barbie. But I have a question. How do you always draw Barbie so perfectly?

Trinity York, age 9
Monticello, AR

Learning to draw takes a long time, Trinity! The artists who draw BARBIE comics have gone to art school, and have practiced for many years. We're glad you enjoy their work!

Dear BARBIE,

Today I got the comic book. Thanks!! I love Barbies — they are my favorite toy!

Sarah Gonzalez, age 9
Tacoma, WA

You're very welcome, Sarah!

Dear BARBIE,

I am 7 years old and I love to read BARBIE comics. My little sister and I own about 70 Barbie dolls including 4 Ken dolls. I love your style in clothes. We own a lot of Barbie toys and things. We love you, Barbie!

Regina & Katrina Rowe
Gilbertsville, NY

Barbie does have great style, doesn't she? And you can always see her looking lovely, Regina and Katrina, right here in the pages of BARBIE FASHION!

Dear BARBIE,

How are you? I am fine. My name is Carla. I really love Barbie. I think you are doing a great job. I just started to collect BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION comic books. I have a lot of Barbie things. I don't expect you to answer this letter, but sometimes dreams do come true.

Carla Valdez, age 10
San Antonio, TX

Yes, Carla, sometimes they do! But before the hundreds of readers who have written to us get too excited, let us remind everyone that, unfortunately, it's impossible for us to respond to all the letters that we receive. There are just too many! But, we really enjoy reading your letters, and we hope everyone will continue to write!

Dear BARBIE,

I really love your BARBIE FASHION and BARBIE comic books. They just drive me crazy. By the way, can we still make drawings for Barbie?

Amy Alvarez
Indio, CA

Absolutely, Amy! Send your fashion designs for Barbie, or any of her friends, to the address at the top of this page! And we hope you enjoy the featured reader's fashions in this very issue!

Dear BARBIE,

I love your comic books. My name is Brandie. I love Barbies. You are my favorite! I want to have all your comics. I'm in third grade. I love school. I live in California. I am having a hard time. Some of my friends are being mean to me. My mom is pregnant and is going to have a baby.

Brandie Thomas, age 8
Glendora, CA

Hi, Brandie! If you're having problems with your friends, it would help for you to talk to someone about it. Maybe your mom will listen, and offer good advice. Or perhaps a teacher or school counselor can help. Just talking to someone will help you feel better! The important thing to remember about people who tease is that it's only words. Good luck!

Dear BARBIE Comics,

I like to collect Barbies, and anything with Barbie on it. I have coloring books, figures, puzzles, stickers, color pencils, a pencil bag, ribbons, clothes, and now, comics! I had a Barbie party. It was great!

I live in a foster home and my foster brother's name is Steven Moreno. He has a Ken and Steve. He wanted Steve because it matches his name.

Priscilla Chacon, age 8
Santa Ana, CA

Foster homes are special places, Priscilla! We hope you and your foster brother Steven had fun at your Barbie party!

Dear BARBIE,

Hello, Barbie! This is Katie Kopensky. I am 5 years old. I love to play Barbies. I play with my Barbies that my mom had when she was a little girl. I hope you are at Disneyland the next time I go.

Katie Kopensky, age 5
San Diego, CA

You're lucky to have your mom's old Barbies to play with, Katie!

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